

## DEVARIM

ISAIAH 1:1-27

### Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> The prophecies of Isaiah son of Amoz, who prophesied concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>2</sup> *Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth,  
For the Lord has spoken:*

*"I reared children and brought them up —  
And they have rebelled against Me!*

<sup>3</sup> *An ox knows its owner,  
An ass its master's crib:  
Israel does not know,  
My people takes no thought."*

<sup>4</sup> *Ah, sinful nation!  
People laden with iniquity!  
Brood of evildoers!  
Depraved children!  
They have forsaken the Lord,  
Spurned the Holy One of Israel,  
Turned their backs [on Him].*

<sup>5</sup> *Why do you seek further beatings,  
That you continue to offend?  
Every head is ailing,  
And every heart is sick.*

<sup>6</sup> *From head to foot  
No spot is sound:  
All bruises, and welts,  
And festering sores —  
Not pressed out, not bound up,  
Not softened with oil.*

<sup>7</sup> *Your land is a waste,*

*Your cities burnt down;  
Before your eyes, the yield of your soil  
Is consumed by strangers —  
A wasteland as overthrown by strangers!*

<sup>8</sup> *Fair Zion is left*

*Like a booth in a vineyard,  
Like a hut in a cucumber field,  
Like a city beleaguered.*

<sup>9</sup> *Had not the Lord of Hosts*

*Left us some survivors,  
We should be like Sodom,  
Another Gomorrah.*

<sup>10</sup> *Hear the word of the Lord,*

*You chieftains of Sodom;  
Give ear to our God's instruction,  
You folk of Gomorrah!*

<sup>11</sup> *"What need have I of all your sacrifices?"*

*Says the Lord.*

*"I am sated with burnt offerings of rams,  
And suet of fatlings,  
And blood of bulls;  
And I have no delight  
In lambs and he-goats.*

<sup>12</sup> *That you come to appear before Me —*

*Who asked that of you?*

*Trample My courts*

<sup>13</sup> *no more;*

*Bringing oblations is futile,  
Incense is offensive to Me.  
New moon and sabbath,  
Proclaiming of solemnities,*

*Assemblies with iniquity,  
I cannot abide.*

<sup>14</sup> *Your new moons and fixed seasons  
Fill Me with loathing;  
They are become a burden to Me,  
I cannot endure them.*

<sup>15</sup> *And when you lift up your hands,  
I will turn My eyes away from you;  
Though you pray at length,  
I will not listen.*

*Your hands are stained with crime —*

<sup>16</sup> *Wash yourselves clean;  
Put your evil doings  
Away from My sight.*

*Cease to do evil;*

<sup>17</sup> *Learn to do good.*

*Devote yourselves to justice;  
Aid the wronged.*

*Uphold the rights of the orphan;  
Defend the cause of the widow.*

<sup>18</sup> *"Come, let us reach an understanding,*

*--declares the Lord--*

*Be your sins like crimson,  
They can turn snow-white;  
Be they red as dyed wool,  
They can become like fleece."*

<sup>19</sup> *If, then, you agree and give heed,  
You will eat the good things of the earth;*

<sup>20</sup> *But if you refuse and disobey,  
You will be devoured [by] the sword. —  
For it was the Lord who spoke.*

<sup>21</sup> *Alas, she has become a harlot,  
The faithful city  
That was filled with justice,  
Where righteousness dwelt —  
But now murderers.*

<sup>22</sup> *Your silver has turned to dross;  
Your wine is cut with water.*

<sup>23</sup> *Your rulers are rogues  
And cronies of thieves,  
Every one avid for presents  
And greedy for gifts;  
They do not judge the case of the orphan,  
And the widow's cause never reaches them.*

<sup>24</sup> *Assuredly, this is the declaration  
Of the Sovereign, the Lord of Hosts,  
The Mighty One of Israel:  
"Ah, I will get satisfaction from My foes;  
I will wreak vengeance on My enemies!*

<sup>25</sup> *I will turn My hand against you,  
And smelt out your dross as with lye,  
And remove all your slag:*

<sup>26</sup> *I will restore your magistrates as of old,  
And your counselors as of yore.  
After that you shall be called  
City of Righteousness, Faithful City."*

<sup>27</sup> *Zion shall be saved in the judgment;  
Her repentant ones, in the retribution.*